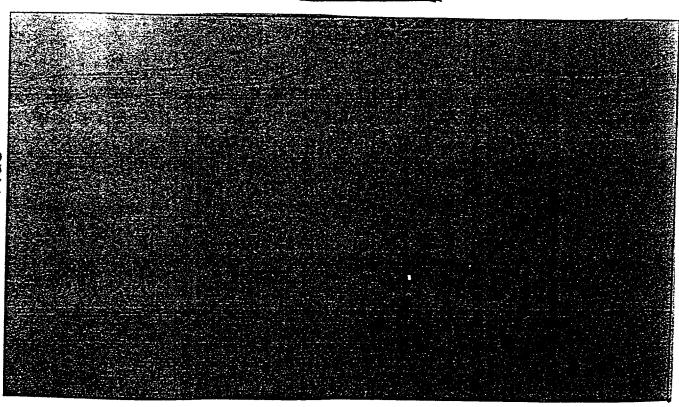
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New Pro-Castro Demonstrations Reportedly Planned in Cuba: Several independent sources in Havana report that the government is planning to instigate, possibly with Cuban Communist party assistance, mass demonstrations of support for Castro on 22 or 23 December by spreading false rumors of counterrevolutionary activity. The purpose would be to smoke out or intimidate bona fide opposition.

These reports are unconfirmed, but some tightening of military precautions and a general increase in tension have been noted recently, and Castro used similar tactics successfully in the revolt simulated by his agent, William Morgan, last summer. If such mass demonstrations do occur, anti-American violence is possible.

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